

RESOLUTION NO. 12885-16**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, wishes to honor and recognize the Honorable Mayme E. BaCote upon the conclusion of her distinguished service as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Mayme E. BaCote was born in Halifax, Virginia, and attended Virginia Union University receiving her B.A. degree in 1960. Delegate BaCote went on to receive her M.A. degree from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in 1967. Since that time she has engaged in a successful career as an educator in the Newport News Public School system and most recently as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Hampton University.

WHEREAS, first elected in 2003, Mayme E. BaCote served the citizens of the 95th District as Delegate from 2004 to 2016. Previous to her election to the Virginia House of Delegates, Delegate BaCote served as a Member of the Newport News City Council from 1996 to 2004. During her most recent term in the Virginia House of Delegates, Delegate BaCote served as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, the Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee, and the Transportation Committee. She also most recently served on the Appropriations-Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee, the Appropriations-Health and Human Resources Subcommittee, the Transportation-Subcommittee No. 1, the Elementary and Secondary Education Funding Joint Subcommittee, the Board of Veterans Services, and the Commission on Youth. She was a member of the National Council of State Legislators, the Virginia House Democratic Caucus, the Virginia Progressive Caucus, the Women's Reproductive Rights Caucus, and the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a dedicated advocate for the citizens of her district and Virginia, Mamyne E. BaCote has been active in several civic and community organizations. Some of these include the NAACP, Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula, the Newport News Chapter of The Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. , and the YWCA. Her leadership skills have been recognized, and she has served in leadership positions in several organizations, to include serving as President of the Women in Municipal Government constituency group of the National League of Cities, Vice Chairman of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail Authority, Vice Chairman of the Peninsula Airport Commission, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Newport News Public Art Foundation, a Member of the Board of Directors of Project Discovery of Virginia, and a Member of the Advisory Council of Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Mayme E. BaCote was married to the late Theodore E. BaCote, Jr. and they have three children: Theodore III, Derek and Marlon. She is an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Mayme E. BaCote completed her sixth full-term in the Virginia House of

Delegates, and decided not to run for re-election; and

WHEREAS, Mayme E. BaCote has made many valuable contributions to the City, the Hampton Roads region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia which this Council wishes to recognize.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes the Honorable Mayme E. BaCote on the conclusion of her twelve years as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates.
2. That it expresses its heartfelt appreciation for her many contributions to the City, the Hampton Roads region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this body and that a copy be delivered to the Honorable Mayme E. BaCote as a token of respect and warm appreciation of this Council and the citizens of Newport News.
4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, January 26, 2016.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JANUARY 26, 2016

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk